

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PEMAQUID)	
OYSTER COMPANY FOR RENEWAL OF AN)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
AQUACULTURE LEASE LOCATED IN THE DAMARISCOTTA)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND RIVER, SOUTH OF HALL POINT IN THE GOOSE LEDGE,)	DECISION
AREA DAMARISCOTTA, LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE)	

On March 7, 1996 Pemaquid Oyster Company made application for renewal of an aquaculture lease issued to them on September 2, 1986. The application requested a ten-year renewal to September 1, 2006 of a two acre shellfish lease located in the Damariscotta River south of Hall Point in the Goose Ledge area, Damariscotta, Maine.

Notice of the application for lease renewal was published in the Augusta 1996 issue of Commercial Fisheries News and the August 1996 issue of the Lincoln County News. Members of the public and interested parties were given to September 10, 1996 to request a hearing on the application for lease renewal. No requests for a hearing on this application were received by the Department either on, or before, September 10, 1996, or at any time subsequent to the date of this decision.

Applications for aquaculture lease renewals are governed by 12 M.R.S.A. §6072 (12), which provides that an aquaculture lease may be renewed if the lessee has complied with the original lease agreement during its term, that aquaculture has been conducted on the original lease, and that the renewal will not cause the lessee to be a tenant of any kind in aquaculture leases covering an aggregate of more than 250 acres.

DECISION

The Commissioner of Marine Resources grants the application of Pemaquid Oyster Company to renew a 2 acre aquaculture lease, located south of Hall Point in the Goose Ledge area, Damariscotta, Maine, for a period of ten years to September 1, 2006. In renewal of this lease, Pemaquid Oyster Company is subject to the same terms, conditions, and obligations set forth in the original lease.

Dated:

Penn Estabrook (Deputy Commissioner)
Department of Marine Resources